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43rd District #2 Integrating Committee Meeting Minutes

September 18, 1992 - 8:00 a.m.

Board of County Commissioners' Staff Meeting Room

Room 603, County Administration Building

Cincinnati, OH 45202

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brayshaw at 8:05 a.m.. All Committee members were present.

Support Staff present: Messrs. Pettit, Hipfel, Sigward, Riddiough, Bass, Young, Cline, Schlamm, Pickering and Cottrill.

Mr. Barfels moved approval of the July 17, 1992 minutes; seconded by Mayor Ragase and passed unanimously.

Support Staff report:

Joe Cottrill explained OPWC's concern regarding our current rating system and how the Support Staff devised a definitions addendum to cover "Condition", "Economic Health" and "Regional Impact".

The Support Staff did not have any objection to adding "user fee" to the newly added criterion giving points to jurisdictions who have enacted the optional \$5.00 license plate fee, an infrastructure levy, or a dedicated tax for infrastructure; as suggested by OPWC. The Support Staff did, however, object to OPWC's suggestion that the Rating System award 5 points to projects that would start no later than March 31, 1994, instead of the original date of June 30, 1994. OPWC's contention is that any project not starting by March 31 should be placed in the next funding round. The Support Staff countered, indicating that the date change would have the effect of hindering the sale of projects during the second quarter of any year. Since the best contract prices can be obtained when projects are sold throughout the year, it would be unwise to discourage the sale of projects during one-fourth of the year. Rob White stated Mr. Bicking indicated OPWC will refuse to accept any projects for funding in the next round whose scheduled sale date is past March 31, 1994, and that the rating system should reflect that reality. Mr. Crafts suggested detaining further action until after hearing Rob White's presentation.

Mr. Cottrill presented a request by the City of Loveland to change the limits of their Riverside Drive project. Mr. Castellini so moved; seconded by Mr. Sykes and passed unanimously.

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Report by Rob White:

Status report on current projects were distributed to the Committee and Support Staff, which indicated that numerous projects have fallen behind schedule. While some of the projects listed were actually completed except for the Project Completion Report, others were past their proposed sale date without any disbursement activity. Mr. White stated that OPWC wanted the Integrating Committee to monitor the progress of funded projects and report to them any delinquency. If a jurisdiction cannot offer an acceptable reason why the project is delayed, OPWC will cancel the Project Agreement with that jurisdiction. Furthermore, he suggested that the Support Staff select for funding only those projects that are "action oriented" (i.e., can start soon after the Project Agreement is executed).

Bob Bass stated that while it would be possible for the Support Staff to monitor project progress, OPWC is the agency contracted to each jurisdiction by the Project Agreement; hence, OPWC should be monitoring project activity.

Mayor Ragase and Mr. Crafts led a discussion about which course of action should be taken to remedy the problem of delinquent projects. Mayor Ragase then moved that the Committee request each jurisdiction that has previously received project funding for pertinent information on the status of each of their projects. The letter asking for the information should also carry the statement that future funding for the jurisdiction could be jeopardized if project schedules are chronically in arrears. Mr. Brayshaw suggested that we should also be informing these jurisdictions that their current Project Agreements could be terminated by OPWC if the projects are not on schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rowe and passed unanimously.

In light of the fact that OPWC is threatening to terminate Project Agreements when jurisdictions fall behind schedule, Mr. Brayshaw thought that it might be prudent to change the date in the Rating System (discussed earlier in the meeting) as requested by OPWC, so as to assure that all projects funded in Round Six will be under construction by March 31, 1994. Mr. Rowe then moved that the first rating criterion be changed so as to award five points to projects that can be under contract in the first quarter of 1994. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crafts and passed unanimously. Mr. Crafts requested the Support Staff to notify all jurisdictions that the Project Schedule shown on an OPWC Funding Application will be strictly enforced by OPWC. Mr. Rowe added that jurisdictions that are having or anticipate encountering problems meeting their project schedules should be advised to contact OPWC as soon as possible so that the schedule can be properly adjusted.

Mr. Cottrill then discussed House Bill 808, which would change some provisions of Issue 2 and LTIP during the next two funding rounds, including:

Water and sewer projects would be given priority.

Useful life requirement for LTIP projects would be eliminated.

Round Six would be accelerated by six months and Round Seven by a full year.

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The requirement of a minimum local match would be eliminated.

The minimum percentages for loans and credit enhancements would be reduced.

He indicated that the proposed changes could have some significant, mainly negative, impact on the next two funding rounds in Hamilton County and the way the Support Staff will be administering the program. A letter has already been sent from Mr. Brayshaw to Senators Aronoff and Finan describing some of our concerns with the Bill in its present form.

Mr. Cline then presented a report that is to be presented to Cincinnati's City Council for their approval on September 23, which generally indicates support for the House Bill. While some of the provisions of the Bill may not be entirely positive for District 2, the acceleration of the next two funding rounds should greatly benefit the jurisdictions in Hamilton County. Mr. Young added that he was not overly concerned about the less-than-positive provisions of the bill since most legislation is amended during the adoption process.

Mayor Ragase indicated that he could not support the acceleration of the funding rounds because the District's jurisdictions have difficulty spending the funds on an annual cycle. However, he did agree with the provisions to increase the percentage of grants and decrease the credit enhancements.

Mr. Crafts made a motion that Mr. Brayshaw work with Mayor Ragase, the City of Cincinnati, Mayor Tillery or his designee, and the townships to follow up with a letter that is appropriate on this particular bill. Mayor Ragase indicated that Senator Bowen as well as Senators Aronoff and Finan should receive Mr. Brayshaw's letter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barfels and passed unanimously.

Rob White said the proposed addendum to the rating system seems to be acceptable. If there are any further comments he would contact Joe Cottrill promptly as requested by Mr. Crafts.

Small Governments Sub-Committee report - No report. However, Mr. Sykes did mention that there was a move made to put a cap on small government project funding, but it was ridiculously low (\$50,000) and, therefore, tabled.

Old Business - none.

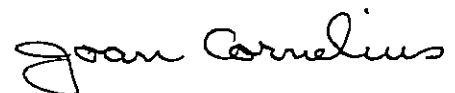
New Business - none.

Next meeting date - October 16, 1992.

Mayor Ragase made a motion for adjournment; seconded by Mr. Rowe and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Cornelius
Recording Secretary

cc: Support Staff

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AGENDA

- 1.) Approval of previous meeting's minutes.
- 2.) Support Staff Items:
 - (a) Rating system for Round 6 to be revised as per OPWC.
 - (b) Letter from City of Loveland requesting to change limits of Riverside Drive project.
 - (c) Presentation by Rob White, Program Representative.
 - (d) House Bill 808.
 - (e) Letter to Senators Aronoff and Finan.
- 3.) Distributions:
 - (a) Copy of rating system and proposed addendum.
 - (b) Copy of letter from the City of Loveland.
 - (c) Copy of House Bill 808.
 - (d) Copy of letter to Senators Aronoff and Finan.
 - (e) Report to Cincinnati City Council re: House Bill 808.
 - (f) Status reports.
- 4.) Small Governments Sub-Committee report.
- 5.) Old Business
- 6.) New Business
- 7.) Next meeting date - October 16, 1992
- 8.) Adjournment

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ATTENDANCE LIST

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